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AS 1512—1996, Personal flotation devices—Type 1

AS 2259—1996, General requirements for buoyancy aids

AS 2260—1996, Personal flotation devices—Type 3

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (November 2009). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.

The object of this Standard is to provide manufacturers, regulatory authorities and users with the requirements for personal flotation devices (PFDs) suitable for use by persons engaged in activities, whether in relation to their work or their leisure, in or near water in a range of prevailing conditions.

This Standard is Part 1 of a three-part series dealing with personal flotation devices. The other parts are as follows:

Part 2: Materials and components—Requirements and test methods

Part 3: Test methods

This Standard is based on but not identical with Parts 1 to 6 of the ISO 12402 series of Standards. PFDs are classified by buoyancy and this Standard applies to a wider range of products than those specified in AS 1499—1996, AS 1512—1996 and AS 2260—1996.

The term ‘informative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An ‘informative’ appendix is only for information and guidance.

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